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Posted by Hengst - 2008/02/06 16:27

not really a surprise, I wish him the best.

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Re:uona to usc

Posted by bengel - 2008/02/06 16:30

The page I pulled up on Scout.com shows their three "experts" predicting he will attend BYU. Does someone have other information?

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Harmon said this:

"Uona Kaveinga may very well be bound for Southern Cal. We'll know in a few hours when he gets on TV and makes an announcement."

Can't really see how you get anything either way from that...

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Re:uona to usc

Posted by UliUli79 - 2008/02/06 16:34

There's too many conflicting reports for anyone to really say. I feel like a fat kid getting a lolly-pop waived in front of my face. Every time it swings my way I get excited only to get disappointed when it swings the other way. (I guess there's always bacon...)

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Posted by bengel - 2008/02/06 17:10

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Posted by bengel - 2008/02/06 17:11

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Posted by CougarPeasant - 2008/02/06 17:21

It's probably just an oversight, but Scout.com does not have Uona listed as a prospect recruit on the USC side of their board. Also, on his profile, it shows him committed to BYU still with no interest in USC.

Yet, the fans over at USC scout seem to think he's still a prospect and are taking the diplomatic tone of they want him, but will wish him the best at which ever school he decides.

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Aha! I'm telling you, I have a good feeling about this...then again I had nachos from Bajio for lunch and I am about to go run 3 miles so I suppose it could be something else. :ohmy:

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Posted by corvallis_cougar - 2008/02/06 17:41

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I think we have him.

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Would you hold it against us if we're feeling the same about you at the moment? :S

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Re:uona to usc

Posted by CougarPeasant - 2008/02/06 18:24

I will never trust another high school football recruit ever again. OH THE HUMANITY!!!

Well, good luck to him.

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Re:uona to usc

Posted by CougarPeasant - 2008/02/06 18:29

cruiser wrote:

McGregor wrote:

Consider it confirmed. He won't be coming to BYU.

The source turned out to be dead wrong. It will be a while before I trust him again. Evidently the family really thought he would go for BYU--clear up until he signed with USC a few minutes ago. His father, who is a bishop, says, "I don't understand him."

Neither do I, but good luck to him anyway.

Didn't his dad tell him he's letting down 13 million Mormons around the world? And is it too late for dad to pull his EE to USC??? (tic) Got to add some levity at at time like this. :(

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Re:uona to usc

Posted by connecticutcougar - 2008/02/06 18:33

How do you know that he decided on USC? Isn't his press conference not for another 30 minutes?

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Re:uona to usc

Posted by akcougar - 2008/02/06 19:29

<http://www.wearesc.com/news/story.php?article=787>

not that it was really necessary after McGregor and Cruiser confirmed it, but here is a link:(

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Re:uona to usc

Posted by SWKT_Avenger - 2008/02/06 19:33

So who does his scholarship go to?

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Re:uona to usc

Posted by imuakahuku - 2008/02/06 19:43

Maybe he has a change of heart while on his mission, if he goes. I didn't like his last comment. "I still plan on serving

that mission," Kaveinga said. Usually they say it in a more emphatic or definite manner. We shall see. Good luck Uona. Serve that mission. It is a lot more important than football!

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Re:uona to usc

Posted by shpider - 2008/02/06 19:45

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Posted by shpider - 2008/02/06 19:46

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Great minds think alike! Or sometimes I get lucky!

Hopefully they make Havili his roommate or he may have to learn what a sock on the doorknob means the hard way!
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Posted by Conosticator - 2008/02/06 19:56

Let's see now.... One semester at USC. Two years to repent while serving his mission. Returns as a Cougar ready to play in 2011. Works for me... :kiss: B)

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Re:uona to usc

Posted by ColoradoBlueZone - 2008/02/06 19:57

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Posted by njcoug - 2008/02/06 20:05

I still give him a 50% chance of coming back to BYU if he serves a mission. First, sneaky Pete still has a good chance of leaving SC to go back to the NFL. Second, USC still has a high risk of getting punished by the NCAA. Now that Reggie Bush's former agent is willing to talk and get deposed this opens up the door. Third, the mission changes things. There was a kid on my mission who committed to play b-ball at ASU and at the end of the mission decided he didn't even want to play b-ball anymore and applied to BYU as a normal student. That's probably pretty rare but UONA could have a change of heart and end up at the Y if Bronco let him, which I don't know if he would. He might have burned his bridge by announcing like this.

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He is apparently a conglomerate of the two QBs who pulled a switcheroo after returning from their missions--one in our favor, and one in favor of UCLA (which turned out to be a favor to us, anyway)

My bad

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Posted by Duke - 2008/02/06 20:08

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Posted by ola - 2008/02/06 20:13

I don't wish him the best either. He has little integrity and has made a big mistake. Just ask Ben how much better the decision was to play for the pac 10. He has not done crap while Max has out shined him in every way. It is hard to get back in shape after a mission, and BYU has it down to a science. Other schools don't know how to help a returned missionary get into shape and injuries result. Ask Ben about that also.

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Posted by gladejo - 2008/02/06 20:14

Unfortunately, our program isn't quite there yet, where we can counter the appeal of a USC. However, I believe that every year, as BYU has more and more success, those highly sought after recruits will be more attracted to the program, and every recruiting class will get better, especially after we crash the BCS and begin having a top ten program year in and year out. Patience is what we need. Success will just continue to breed greater success. Perhaps even by the time Kavienga comes home from his mission, the worm will have turned, and BYU will have such a successful program that it won't be just a matter of spritual attraction - the football program will have the same appeal that the big boys such as USC do. And maybe Carroll will have moved on and USC will have dropped a notch or two. But whether Kavienga or any other LDS player changes their mind and decides to come to BYU after their mission won't matter. Enough new outstanding players will be committing that we will be just fine.

Though we won't be playing in the Pac 10, we will be beating the Pac Ten schools, and other BCS schools; BYU will be the non-BCS darling of the college football world; and our program will be considered competitive with any. I don't see that as a dream. I think Bronco is taking the program there, and as fans, we get to go along with him! So be patient and enjoy the ride!

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That said, let's hope he has valuable experience at SC this fall and then goes on a mission, where he receives monthly letters from all of BYU's Tongan players (Manase, Fui, Harvey, any others?) (if this is permitted), and decides that he will find true fulfillment in the weightier matters as part of BYU.

Let's hope.

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Posted by etyotx - 2008/02/06 20:22

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Posted by BYZoo - 2008/02/06 20:24

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Re:uona to usc

Posted by sjcougfan - 2008/02/06 20:29

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Shpider, my point is that BYU comes in strong as far as "football factors"...but in addition, BYU's players have the chance to observe a true leader in action. I suspect that this is why Uona's dad wanted him to commit to us. I also suspect that you already understood what I meant in the original post.

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Re:uona to usc

Posted by shpider - 2008/02/06 20:44

Guys, I'm as big a BYU fan as anybody (ask my wife and kids, take a look at all the beautiful blue apparel in my wardrobe), but I've got to step back a bit and take an objective perspective on what is happening in the fan reactions. Remember how we reveled a little in KWitt's "sour grapes" attitude when he lost Harvey Unga, and how that sore loser attitude (telling Harvey he'd regret the decision, that BYU would convert him to a LB, etc.) actually helped confirm Harvey's decision to come to BYU-- especially when juxtaposed against Lance Reynolds' selfless reply when Unga told Reynolds that he was going to Utah, just to test him (where Reynolds said he wished Unga the best and thought Unga

would have a great career)? And have we forgotten that Unga verbally committed to the U before ultimately changing his mind? Is he a flake?

Yeah, we're disappointed. So we wish misfortune on the kid to make ourselves feel better? To get some sense of vindication that we really were "right" all along and he was "wrong"?

This makes us sound a lot more like KWitt than anyone associated with Bronco and the high class program he is developing at BYU.

WWBD?

I'll reiterate my wish--that Kaveinga has some valuable experiences this fall at USC, that he matures, then he has a fantastic mission experience and decides that Zion for him is Provo, UT, with all the other BYU Tongan football players. Regardless of what happens, let's show some Bronco-style class.

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Posted by cougarfan144 - 2008/02/06 21:37

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I found myself getting excited on multiple occasions thinking about the prospects of having Uona and Te'o among others roaming the field. I am disappointed but that disappointment is selfish to me because of where my loyalties are as a fan. I wish him well and hope he finds everything at USC that he envisioned for himself when he picked them.

I would also love to be a fly on the wall in Pete's office and hear what he says when no one else is around, when it comes to signing potential missionaries. I hope Uona keeps his commitment to the Lord and serves a mission. I hope Pete keeps his commitment to Uona and honors his scholarship without hardship.

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Posted by cougarz - 2008/02/06 21:42

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Just a quick question. If he is a flake for not keeping his commitment to the Y, is he a double flake for choosing the Y after his mission because he would no longer honor his commitment (which he actually signed) at USC? How does the kid win? Is he only a winner if he does what you want?

Re:uona to usc

Posted by Conosticator - 2008/02/06 22:07

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Posted by detmer4prez - 2008/02/06 22:16

The only thing that I am upset about is the way it was handled. It was a direct slap in the face of BYU. I would have had no problem if, after taking his visit to USC it opened his eyes to a few things and he changed his mind.

But, after giving his verbal commitment to Bronco, he calls a press conference on signing day and didn't have the balls to let BYU know before. He may be a hard hitter but the way he handled the situation was cowardly.

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I also agree with Uona's dad. Who knows what that kid was thinking. "Flake" is a harsh word, but it's also accurate. Too bad his honor takes a hit AND he misses out on all that BYU has to offer, athletically, academically, spiritually, and femininally (new word?). Hopefully he doesn't miss out on a mission as well, now that he has chosen to go down this road despite the quiet whispers of what was right that he told TBS about...

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Posted by cougarfan144 - 2008/02/06 22:25

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Posted by detmer4prez - 2008/02/06 22:30

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Me: Heck yes!!!

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Posted by Cougarageous - 2008/02/06 22:30

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The problem with girl #2 is that the smile only lasts so long and then you just get tired of her. You realize their is no substance and no depth to her and the supposed qualities that made you smile are no longer as great as you once though they were. Only problem is that you are now married and so find yourself in a tricky situation. The real question is does he get out before the kids come. :laugh:

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Posted by Cougarageous - 2008/02/06 22:33

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Posted by Mars - 2008/02/06 23:07

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Re:uona to usc

Posted by kenj - 2008/02/06 23:21

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Re:uona to usc

Posted by detmer4prez - 2008/02/06 23:23

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:laugh: Hilarious. +1 from me too.

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Re:uona to usc

Posted by j2b03 - 2008/02/07 12:35

My hope for Uona is that he does really well, serves a great mission and goes on to have a great NFL career BUT that for the next 4-5 years USC stinks in up royally and BYU spansk them in the Rose Bowl! This way he regrets his decision, but gets to fulfill his dreams and finishes a great NFL career and comes and coaches at BYU and sends a dozen LB's to the NFL.

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